

TRY TO SUPPRESS OPIUM TRAFFIC

Nations Will Gather at The Hague and Consider Ways and Means.

Washington, December 12.—The State Department to-day announced the successful completion of long continued negotiations looking to the gathering of an international conference with the object of suppressing the opium traffic. With the exception of Austria-Hungary, all of the nations addressed on this subject by the department have agreed to the conference, and word came from The Hague that May 26 next had been unanimously accepted as the date and the Hague as the place for the conference. The American commissioners have not yet been appointed.

Among the nations which have accepted the invitation besides the United States are China, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia.

Great Britain has injected into the program to be considered a proposition to include morphine and cocaine with opium in the prohibition to be enforced. America rigidly will support this prohibition, it is declared, in view of the frightful ravages caused by these drugs in the United States. Secretary Knox has reported to Congress that the manufacture of morphine has come to be an American monopoly with an enormous growth of production. Cocaine, also, he said, has proved to be a creator of criminals and of unusual forms of violence. Last year 185,000 ounces of cocaine were imported, while 5,000 ounces would have supplied every legitimate medical need. The conference is called to place the traffic in these drugs under the control of international laws. The conference will seek to have the delegates recommend to their own governments measures for the suppression of the growth and use of opium, morphine and cocaine except upon physicians' prescriptions; the prevention of the shipment of the drugs to other countries; the control of their sale and use; the closing of opium resorts and the extension to foreign concessions in China of the pharmacy laws of the various countries.

The State Department is preparing legislation to be submitted to Congress to regulate the interstate traffic in these drugs, and a hearing will be held before the Ways and Means Committee next Wednesday on drafts of four bills covering the subject.

BROAD RULE Laid DOWN

Conspiracy Under Anti-Trust Law May Be Continuing Offense.

Washington, December 12.—Announcing the broad rule that a conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law may be a "continuing offense" in the case of an offense limited to the formation of the conspiracy and possibly overt acts thereunder, which would

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revise the conspiracy, the Supreme Court of the United States to-day went a long way toward dispelling doubt as to the law.

The direct result of the decision is that Gustav E. Kissel, of New York, and Thomas H. Harned, of Philadelphia, must answer further to the indictment brought in 1905 in New York charging them with conspiracy with the American Sugar Refining Company and others to drive the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company out of business.

The indirect result will be that the government will find it easier to prosecute conspiracies under the Sherman anti-trust law. Instead of being required to show that an indictment is a conspiracy or an overt act in furtherance thereof within three years of the time of indictment, it is said that the conspiracy had been ended by abandonment or success more than three years before the indictment.

These officers will be installed on St. John's Day, December 27, when the annual banquet and business meeting of the lodge will be held.

President A. B. Carrington, of the Commercial Association, was the host at a supper at his residence on Hotham Street here to-night, when he entertained the board of directors of the Commercial Association and a few friends. Informal discussions of matters pertaining to the welfare of the city were a feature of the evening.

PROTECTS HIS MOTHER

Boy Spouts Stepmother During Domestic Brawl.

Spartanburg, S. C., December 12.—While protecting his mother from an attack by her husband, who was his stepfather, Jim Chambers to-day shot and killed Corry Palmer near here. Husband and wife were quarrelling when the son walked in and attempted to quiet them. Palmer was in the act of striking his wife when Chambers fired.

FIRE WRECKS MOYER'S STORE

Early Morning Blaze Alarms Ashland Street Neighborhood.

Fire from some unknown cause wrecked the grocery store of D. D. Moyer, 1275 Ashland Street, shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. What the flames left the water from three streams washed away or seriously damaged. The building was of frame, and with inflammable contents. The fire had gained great headway before discovered by a neighbor, Daniel McMahon, who telephoned to fire headquarters. Engine Company No. 12 was started to the scene, but as the glare of the flames was plainly seen from the City Hall tower, Operator Gullett turned in an alarm as from Box 513, corner of Randolph and Winder Streets, to which several neighboring companies responded.

The neighborhood was greatly alarmed, but the blaze was confined to the building in which it originated. Mr. Moyer was unable to give any statement of loss or damage this morning, as he had been unable to enter the wrecked store, embers of which were still blazing. Damage what was left. There was partial insurance.

CITY OF MUCH GOVERNMENT.

Member of Legislature Advocates Commission Form for Wilmington.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wilmington, December 12.—Wilmington is about to be shaken over the prospect of a commission form of government. The Mayor was called upon to-day to give thirty days' notice, as required, that an amendment would be offered to the charter of the city. The member of the Legislature from this county gives notice that he will advocate a commission form.

There has been great discussion in Wilmington over the city government for the past two years, and Wilmington has been known as a city of much government, there being two official boards and three commissions, and there has been wrangling and rows for the past two years.

MILITIA ON GROUND

Called Out to Prevent Destruction of County Jail.

Columbus, Ga., December 12.—Two companies of State militia, under command of Major Mosen, to-night were placed on guard at the county jail to prevent an attempt to blow up the building. The men were called out at the request of Sheriff Baird.

Bitter feeling has been aroused as a result of the shooting of several citizens early Sunday morning when a mob sought to break into the jail and secure Henry Taylor, a negro, who was being held there. Taylor, a negro, held for an attempted assault on a white woman. Taylor in the meantime had been transferred to the Fulton county jail in Atlanta.

Jailer Phelps, one of the men shot Sunday morning, is not expected to recover.

FREIGHT BOILER EXPLODES

Brakeman Is Killed and Fireman Fatally Hurt.

Dallas, Tex., December 12.—J. Peasire, aged twenty-six, brakeman, was instantly killed; Ben Hill, fireman, was fatally injured, and Engineer MacReed was seriously hurt to-night when a Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight engine exploded six miles north of Dallas.

The boiler was hurled 200 feet from the track.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

J. T. Posey Becomes Worshipful Master of Danville Lodge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., December 12.—At the stated monthly meeting of Roman Eagle Lodge of Masons, held to-night, the annual election of officers resulted as follows: Worshipful Master, J. T. Posey; Senior Warden, D. H. Penn; Junior Warden, J. Pennington; Secretary, W. F. Patton; Treasurer, M. S. Carter; Senior Deacon, Crews Woodring; Junior Deacon, J. S. Owen.

WELSH RABBIT MAY COME INTO ITS OWN

It Long Has Been the Victim of Late Hours and Superstition.

VINDICATED AT LAST

Secretary Wilson Will Tell How and Why It Should Be Eaten.

Washington, D. C., December 12.—The Department of Agriculture is advancing to the defense of the Welsh rabbit. Having proved by extensive experiments with the respiration calorimeter a double walled, heatproof room connected with electrical instruments of wonderful precision—that raw cheese is easily digested, the department will begin work in the near future to prove that the Welsh rabbit, the victim of late hours and ancient superstition, is grossly maligned and misunderstood.

At the conclusion of the experiments, Secretary Wilson will issue a bulletin explaining how to prepare a Welsh rabbit according to the official government formula, with beer or without. He and his experts are confident the information will be received with joy by the country.

The Department of Agriculture has conducted many strange tests with its poison squad and other volunteer subjects, but even its own experts admit that there "ever" has been anything quite so remarkable or complete as the cheese and Welsh rabbit experiments.

The cheese tests have been going on for a year, but the experts have kept the secret well. It has just become known now that the official Welsh rabbit is in preparation, and that volunteer subjects have been boxed up and fed on cheese for days at a time and that one subject lived practically on bread and cheese for a year and suffered no ill effects. Moreover, the experts are convinced, although the actual experiments with cooked cheese are only about to begin, that what has been proved true of the raw product is equally true of the rabbit.

The department's official cheese cook book, supplementing the meat cook book issued some time ago, will contain dozens of recipes for cheese dishes. But a leading chapter in the book will be devoted to recipes for making and the reasons for eating Welsh rabbit.

No such amount of information concerning the effects and its effects on the human system could have been collected, the experts say, had it not been for the wonderful respiration calorimeter built at the department, and the only one of its kind in the world. Until yesterday no newspaper man was permitted a glimpse of it. No word of the nature of the experiments had been permitted to become known, but now that the tests are nearing completion and have been so unusually successful every detail, Secretary Wilson and his assistants court publicity.

The respiration calorimeter is a chamber within a chamber, a room big enough to contain a chair, a cot and a small table, enclosed in another room with an air space between them. It is a machine like the apparatus used by Professor Atwater in determining the value of alcohol as a food and an energy producer, but has many new and wonderful improvements that the original Atwater apparatus and others built along the same lines did not possess.

So delicate is this calorimeter that a subject inclosed therein for the purpose of experiment cannot so much as wiggle a toe, move his head, or flex a muscle without the electrical apparatus registering the expenditure of energy involved in the movement. The only way scientists have of determining the digestibility of foods is through the minute notations of temperature produced by the process of assimilation. That is how the experts of the department have determined that cheese of all kinds is good for young and old.

While the experts have not conducted any experiment with Welsh rabbits as yet, they are confident that if a subject consumes one while in the apparatus there will be no sufficiently violent demonstration to wreck the delicate mechanism. Mr. Wilson, the department's expert cook, will prepare the rabbit and shove it through a small porthole in the calorimeter. The subject must eat it. The heat-proof room has a glass door, through which the experts watch everything that is going on within.

While volunteers for the poison squad, which Dr. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, conducted some years ago, were numerous, the calorimeter tests have been few. Once in the chamber the subject cannot move without violent demonstration on half a dozen dials and tubes that hang in plain sight. If he so much as gets up, steps across the room and sits down, or while lying down, bends his back, or jumps up and down, spirit level, barometer, thermometer and other automatic devices perform strange and unaccountable feats.

He imagines he has done something wrong. And he has. Every voluntary subject placed in the calorimeter is instructed not to make a single unnecessary movement.

Experts and report Secretary of Agriculture Wilson briefly calls attention to the cheese tests. He says: "The respiration calorimeter, which has been installed in the new department building and is being used in the study of the relative ease of digestion of cheese in comparison with meat, and other important questions, has many new features which make for accuracy and ease of operation. It has already been learned that cheese is digested very thoroughly by the average individual and that it is not a common cause of physiological disturbance, as is often claimed. Such a conclusion is of great importance, since it has been the American custom hitherto to regard cheese as something to be eaten in small quantities for its agreeable flavor rather than a material suited to form an integral part of a meal. To round out this work with cheese tests are now being carried on having for their object the accumulation of data regarding its preparation for the table in palatable ways so that the calorimeter may have abundant and reliable information."

The amounts of cheese fed to subjects in the calorimeter has averaged about a pound a day. Some of the subjects have eaten from half a pound to a pound at one sitting and have emerged from the calorimeter lively and happy and showing no ill effects whatever.

Baldwin Will Not Be There.

New Haven, Conn., December 12.—It was stated here to-day with some definiteness that Governor-Elect Simeon B. Baldwin will not attend the dinner of the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow, at which former President Roosevelt will be a guest of honor.




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AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—"The Country Boy," matinee and night.
Bijou—"Rosaland at Red Gate," matinee and night.
Lubin—"Vaudeville."

Don't Miss "The Country Boy."

If Richmond theatregoers had known what a thing of joy and pure delight "The Country Boy" is, they would have filled the Academy of Music last night. As it was, there was only a small house, but "what it lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm." Seriously, I can't recall a more enthusiastic audience, nor a comedy that more deserved warm appreciation. At the end of the third act, there were cheers—literate, hearty cheers.

To be brief, the story tells of a year

or so in the life of a country boy, Tom Wilson—"an irresponsible boy, with a boy's ideas," as his sweetheart, Jane, describes him. So sure of himself is he, so "cocky," that he laughingly sneers the opportunities offered him in his little home town, Fairview, and goes to New York to show all of them what a man can do in a larger sphere. In a very short time he learns something of real life. He makes a pal, in all innocence, of a hard, shallow chorus girl, Amy Leroy, who, in the same professional boarding house with him, he takes her about, at her own sweet pleasure, neglects his work, dissipates more or less, and generally plays the giddy goat. His sweetheart's father learns of his conduct and breaks off the life-long love affair.

Then he is discharged, and turning, as to a last hope, to Amy, he is somewhat roughly enlightened by her as to her conception of the easiest way. At this time, penniless, moved from floor to floor by his landlady, at last sleeping on a folding bed in the parlor, he "lays down" and determines to kill himself. Then enters the foremost character of the play, certainly the foremost as it was presented last night, one Merkle, a newspaper man, and, by a most ingenious ruse, prevents the "kid" from carrying out his intention. They agree to go to Fairview and start a newspaper, when they both remember that they haven't a penny between them. While Merkle is racking his brains for a ruse, Tom, who has a ticket speculator, who, a little earlier, has persuaded Merkle to give up his last cent to him because "he has a hunch on thirteen and knows a nice little place around on Forty-sixth Street," and announces that he has made good to the tune of 35 cents. The three of them then go to Fairview and "all's well with the world."

Reading the story over, it sounds somewhat heavy, but one must see the play in order to appreciate the keen, clever wit of many of the lines; the screaming fun of Joe Webster's slangy talk; the genuine, clean, lively comedy of the boarding house life, and the striking and almost uniform ability of the men and women who present the play. After racking my memory, I can recall only one scene that begins to approach the dinner table at Mrs. Bannan's boarding house in pure, side-aching comedy—the poker game scene in "The Travelling Salesman."

And the scene in "The Country Boy" is the more remarkable, not only because it is funnier, but because there are nine people, as against four, and all of them good, even the negro servant girl, who, in that act only, comes nearer playing the part of a real negro than one sees once in ten years.

Of the principals, the country boy himself, H. Dudley Hawley, to my mind, was the least convincing. In the first act his boyishness was too obvious, too putting, to be altogether satisfactory, but he grew much better as the play went on, and, after all, the house liked him, and besides the first act doesn't matter much—it is merely explanatory. John Webster, the slangy wise guy, was utterly beyond the criticism of even the most carping—he had so many up-to-date and slangily funny lines and got them off in such a natural, easy way, that everybody in the house was his friend. But George A. Wright was the star of the performance, as Merkle, a newspaper man, on the wrong side of forty, with a chronic grouch. His work was quiet, restrained and powerful, and of a high order of dramatic intelligence. While pitched in a different key, his performance reminded me, in its skill and mastery, of Reeves-Smith's playing of the Hon. Peter, in "Mid-Channel."

Still, Mrs. William Butler, as Tom's mother, was motherly and convincing; Charlotte Ives was "unstaged" and appealing as Jane, Madame Hazel was excellent as the near-prima-donna; Nellie Fillmore was killing as the landlady; Ethel Clayton, as Amy, was more than good, and—O, well, the whole company is meant for big cities.

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At the Bijou.

"Rosaland of Red Gate," which opened a week's engagement at the Bijou Theatre last night, with the usual Monday night audience looking on approvingly, came fully up to the expectations of those who love thrilling scenes and that fine rescue work by the hero. Indeed, the play offers many chances, which the hero and his grapple. The story is somewhat out of the ordinary. Each of two brothers, separated through business quar-

rels, has a daughter so much alike that their fathers cannot tell them apart. Consequently, as one might imagine, the love affairs of these young girls are rather mixed, and it is hard to tell who is who, and why. One brother takes the money and the other takes the blame, so it is left to these daughters to straighten things.

Lester Howard, as Reginald Percival Gillespie, is easily the best member of the company. He takes the part of the original Willie boy so cleverly that the audience is forced to laugh in spite of itself every time he says a word, however trivial it might be. It is the way he says it. Miss Marie DeBeau, as Rosaland, was clever and charming, though she often undertakes a trifle too much work. But her rendition was eminently satisfactory. The entire company, for that matter, was good, and the play will doubtless fill the theatre during the entire engagement. It is well worth the price and more.

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